

**BARRIER ELEMENT FABRICS, BARRIER ELEMENTS, AND
PROTECTIVE ARTICLES INCORPORATING SUCH ELEMENTS**

ABSTRACT

Protective articles such as diapers, having filmless hydrophobic barrier elements such as cuffs and backing sheets. The barrier cuffs - which can be, for instance, leg cuffs and waistbands - and the backing sheets can be provided from fabrics having a fabric weight of at least 10 gsy; these fabrics are made of cardable, hydrophobic polyolefin fibers having a dpf value of not more than about 2.0.

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